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The Honorable Edward H. Levi
The Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Levi,

With respect to the declassification of the cipher materials bearing on the Rosenberg case, I wish to point out that the decipherment was the result of joint efforts of NSA and its British counterpart, GCHQ. Because it is a product of those joint efforts, the British must be consulted and concur to declassification. It is my understanding that the advice of GCHQ has been sought in this matter, and it is unalterably opposed to declassification. MI-6 was consulted on the 12th of November and is equally opposed. Under these circumstances, therefore, I do not believe that we should proceed any further in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. E. Colby

W. E. Colby
Director

cc: Director, National Security Agency

The Honorable Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

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